

Will You Make This Holiday Season Special?

Thanksgiving has passed and I hope all survived the turkey and especially "black Friday". The Christmas holidays are just around the corner and for most it is a time of great joy and celebration. For many, however, it is a time of sadness and going without. This also reminds me of those that will not be celebrating with family for one reason or another. This is especially true for our troops - those that are serving away from their families, those serving in a war zone and those in rehabilitation. Let's especially remember those missing loved ones that are no longer with us.

Lions are special people that are always dedicated to helping others as "We Serve". Therefore, I am asking every Lion during this special season to help one person, one family or organization. Make this a "special project" for your club. We are so fortunate to be able to make someone else's holiday just a little special. I hope to hear back from you regarding what you were able to do for someone else this holiday.

I want to thank Zone Chair, Lion Pat Harvey-Palmer, for the zone picnic she held at the Sargent Jasper Park in Hardeeville last month. It was a covered dish affair with PDG Jim Palmer frying turkeys. The highlights of this picnic were having so many Lions attend, the special dishes brought for sharing and for all to enjoy and especially the testimony of soon-to-be Lion, Cyndee Wilson. Our own SCLCS staff went above and beyond to step up to the plate with providing help to this young lady in her hour of need. Lions need to be proud of how our funds are really helping others less fortunate than ourselves and to be proud of how our SCLCS staff helped this lady. You will be hearing more from (Lion) Cyndee at the state convention. Let's all give a great roar for Lion Pat Harvey-Palmer. I encourage other zones to think about having similar celebrations and include the families of club members.

As we prepare for our district convention 23-25 January, the convention chair, Lion Clay Cranford, and his team are working hard to provide you many opportunities to learn more about Summerville and many of the local historical sites. Spot Camera training will be conducted by DG Rick Pressly and PDG Annette Hart will be conducting "new member orientation". Look for the information from Lion Clay that is being sent to all the clubs regarding the many activities planned for your enjoyment along with our Friday evening entertainment and Saturday banquet. A new revised registration form is included this issue of the Palmetto Lion. I am asking you to share all this information in your clubs. See you in Summerville.

Enjoy the holidays and be safe.

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